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Application No.: 10/528,769	)	Examiner: EDWIN L. SWINEHART
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Filed: April 19, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 4689
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR	)	
EXCLUDING ENTRY OF DEBRIS INTO	)	
AN OUTER SEAL OF A SHAFT	)	
PASSING THROUGH THE HULL OF A	)	
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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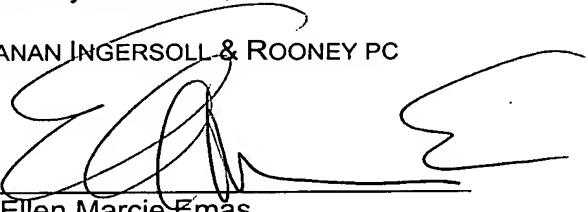
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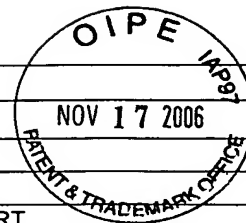
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